



The Kiwanis of Aruba installs a new board for 2005-2006

During a gala dinner at the Aruba Radisson Resort and Casino, Prakash Gupta presided over his last event as president of the Kiwanis of Aruba. Declaring that the service organization and its President should never be satisfied to “only accomplish what had been done in the year before, but should always strive to do more” he retired from his position and passed the reigns of leadership to his successor, Giantonio Muller. Master of Ceremonies Ray Farro welcomed the incoming President and noted that he had the distinction of being the first Kiwanis President that was younger than the forty-year-old Aruban chapter of this service organization. Lt. Governor Charles Sylvestre presided over the installation of the new board.

Joining Giantonio Muller on the board for 2005-2006 are Carlos Albertus as First Vice-President, Gino Goeloe and Second Vice-President, Geoprges Croes as Secretary and Corol Kelly, Treasurer. The newly installed Directors are harish Daryanani, Claudine Ho-Kang-You, Ramiro Rafael, Shurby Ranis, Marieta Ras, Fernando Rigaud, and Robert Spellen, a number of which had served as directors for this past year. Prakash Gupta, though invited to continue another year as President, declined and was happy to continue to serve the organization in the office of being the I.P.P. During his farewell

During his farewell address, outgoing President Prakash reiterated the many accomplishments of the organization over the past year, including a 40,000 florin donation to the SVGA, Aruba's Foundation for the Mentally Disabled, in honor of their 40th Anniversary. He reminded the members of the Kiwanis' motto “Serving the Children of the World,” and listed the many worthwhile achievements they had made over 2005 aimed particularly towards that goal. Prakash's wife Niti, assisted him in awarding plaques to honor individual members of particularly outstanding service in the past year, and a special mention to District Governor Roy Mesas.

The Aruban community welcomes the new board and thanks the Kiwanis members for their hours of selfless service in helping to make Aruba an even better place for all its inhabitants.